

The 2nd Battalion 327th Infantry Regiment was activated on 17 September 1917 as an element of the 82nd Infantry Division. During World War I, the 327th helped reduce the St. Mihael Salient and conducted offensive operations at Meuse-Argonne. The Regiment was demobilized on 25 May 1919. With the reactivation of the 82nd Infantry Division in March 1942, the 327th Regimental colors were again unfurled. On 15 August 1942, the redesignated 327th Glider Infantry Regiment was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division.

On 6 June 1944, the 327th was committed to combat in the Normandy Invasion. Subsequent operations with the 101st Airborne Division were the capture of Carentan, Operation Market Garden, and the Battle of the Bulge. During the Battle of the Bulge, the Brigade played a key role in the defense of the encircled town of Bastogne. There, the unit earned the nickname "Bastogne Bulldogs." In 1956 the 327th Infantry Regiment was reactivated as part of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

In July 1965, the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment departed for Vietnam. Within a year, the Battalion earned the reputation of an outstanding combat unit because of their "No Slack" fighting spirit. Operations of the Battalion in the Republic of Vietnam were conducted in Trung Luong, Dak To, An Khe, Phan Rang, and Ashau. Being selected as the last Infantry unit of the Division to leave Southeast Asia distinguished the Battalion with the record for the longest continuous combat service in Vietnam of any Infantry battalion in the United States Army.

On 6 September 1990, the "No Slack" Battalion deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield. As the Brigade main effort in the covering force battle, the Battalion assumed combat posture as the forward most deployed unit. During Operation Desert Storm, the "No Slack" Battalion once again led the Division as one of the first Battalions to seize and hold Iraqi soil. "No Slack" assaulted deep into Iraq during the largest air assault in Operation Desert Storm. The tenacity the Battalion brought the fight to the enemy ensured a quick and decisive victory.

On 16 April 1998, the "No Slack" Battalion was once again challenged to set new standards for the Division and the XVIII Airborne Corps. The Battalion simultaneously deployed its forces to execute security missions in Southwest Asia and the Republic of Haiti. From August 2000 to February 2001 the "No Slack" Battalion was deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian. "No Slack" successfully executed over 6,500 patrols, guarded 9 fixed site securities, conducted 10 cordon and search operations and detained over 350 people.

On 1 March 2003, the "No Slack" Battalion deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Within a month, the Battalion had initiated its movement north into Iraq by ground and air, culminating on the holy city of An Najaf. After liberating An Najaf the Battalion's movement continued north to the city of Al Hillah, where it too was liberated and enemy forces were destroyed. Finally the Battalion established its area of operations just south of the city of Mosul. "No Slack's" abilities were put to the test as they secured the largest AO in the division.

On 28 September 2005, the "No Slack" Battalion deployed again in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This time the Battalion deployed to the ethnically divided and strategically important region of Kirkuk. Over a year's time the Battalion completed innumerable combat operations and successfully trained Iraqi Security Forces. The "No Slack" motto has never been more applicable as it has been in the continued fight against terrorism.

On 21 September 2007, the "No Slack" Battalion once again deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This time the Battalion was deployed to the historically significant city of Samarra. In over 14 months, "No Slack" completed numerous combat operations and increased the security of the City of Samarra and the surrounding area immeasurably. Once again, the "No Slack Battalion proved it's motto through it's many successes.

On 01 May 2010, the "No Slack" Battalion had to transform its training plan and thinking in order to prepare for its inaugural deployment to face the unforgiving terrain and a resilient insurgency in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X-XI in Afghanistan. During its tenure, the battalion participated in multiple major operations including most notably Operation Strong Eagle I – III.

On 05 November 2012, the "No Slack" Battalion returned to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XIII-XIV. For nine months, the Battalion conducted joint operations with the Afghan National Army as part of the evolving mission. The Battalion and Afghans worked together to stabilize Kunar, Nuristan, and Nangarhar Provinces. Upon re-deployment, the "No Slack" Battalion vigorously prepared for its next rendezvous with destiny.